

**REMARKS**

Regarding the objections to claims 11-20, Applicant points out that these claims, due to their specific dependencies, each contain a different combination of limitations. As such, they all give rise to differently limited embodiments of the claimed invention.

Regarding the objections to the claims under 35 USC § 112, the main independent claim has been amended to more clearly set out the invention, according to the description and drawings. There are no means-type claims present.

Contrary to the Examiner's position, the specification simply sets out the detailed structure for a locking binder, and describes how that structure interacts to lock the binder in different positions.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant asserts that all of the objections have been obviated, and now respectfully requests withdrawal of those objections and an allowance of this application.

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

As the normal term for response expired on 10 November 2006, Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension in the term through and including 10 February 2007, which was a Saturday, and therefore through 12 February 2007, and encloses a check in the amount of \$ 510 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency of overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account Number 04-2219 referencing our Docket Number 13760.

Respectfully submitted,

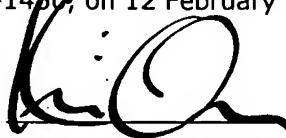


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